S. No.	State/UT	Approved intake	
		Pre-primary	Elementary
20.	Punjab	Nil	1250
21.	Chandigarh	40	60
22.	Delhi	495	960
23.	Haryana	Nil	3545
24.	Rajasthan	60	3420
25.	Andhra Pradesh	60	2360
26.	Karnataka	1100	7390
27.	Kerala	700	4065
28.	Tamil Nadu	Nil	4460
29.	Pondicherry	Nil	100
	TOTAL:	3671	56650

Expenditure on Mid-Day Meal Scheme

237. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise expenditure, since 1995-96, on the mid-day meal scheme for school children in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government are satisfied with the pace of implementation of the scheme; and

(c) if not, what measures are contemplated to revamp the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) Under the Centrally sponsored Scheme of National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid-Day Meals), foodgrains are made available free of cost to States/UTs through Food Corporation of India (FCI). This Ministry reimburses cost of foodgrains to FCI directly. Therefore, no State-wise

allocation of funds are made under the scheme. Year-wise expenditure incurred is given as under:

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in crores)
1995-96	441.21
1996-97	800.00
1997-98	1070.38
1998-99	1600.15

(b) and (c) The scheme envisaged the serving of cooked meals to children of primary classes. However, at present only Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh (174 tribal blocks), Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry, are serving a cooked meal while other States/ UTs are distributing foodgrains.

An independent agency recently evaluated the scheme in ten States and its findings state that in Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, there has been a boost to enrolment. In Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Orissa and Rajasthan, the programme has made positive impact on attendance and retention. While the pace of implementation of the programme is satisfactory in some States, efforts are on to improve the programme in other States in consultation with the respective State Governments.

Assistance to Orissa for Recruitment of Hindi Teachers

238. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of assistance etc. being given by the Centre to Orissa for recruitment of Hindi Teachers;

(b) the number of vacant posts of Hindi Teachers under the scheme in Orissa, district-wise as on 31st January, 2000; and